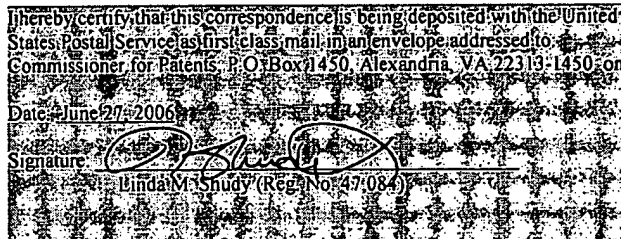


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**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

SIR:

In response to the Office Action made final dated December 27, 2005, please reconsider the above-identified application based on the following.

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